

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 remain in this application. Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended to better define Applicants' invention. Claim 8 and claim 18 been amended to be in proper dependent form to overcome the Examiner's objections. All claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over JP20022779 in view of Moriya et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that, as now presented, all claims are allowable.

In amending claims 1, 6, and 7, it has been made clear that the abnormality that is detected is that of the power supply (the auxiliary battery) being disconnected from the neutral point. Neither reference in the slightest manner teaches or suggest such detection or any reason for carrying out such a detection. The abnormality detected in JP20022779 is an abnormality in one phase and can hardly suggest the abnormality of disconnection of the power supply. Moriya et al. was cited only for an auxiliary device and obviously does not make up for what is lacking in JP20022779. As amended, these claims and those dependent thereon clearly define over the art. Thus, claims 1- 8 should be allowed.

Regarding the remaining independent claims, Applicants note that the Examiner has not said where she finds the elements of the claimed elements. Applicants submit they are not found in the references. Claims 9, 11 and 13 include the limitation that "when the power supply line voltage detecting means is operating abnormally, the inverter is controlled in accordance with an output of the neutral point current detecting means" (claims 9 and 11) or "in accordance with a neutral point voltage command corresponding to a target voltage of the power supply" (claim 13). This is not taught or suggested by the reference. Since these limitations are not in the art, claims 9-14 and 19 are also allowable.

Method claims 15, 16, and 17 have corresponding method limitations and are allowable as claims 9, 11, and 13 are allowable as is dependent claim 18.

Claims 20 and 22 require that "the voltage command which is sinusoidal wave is limited within a predetermined range with regard to the carrier amplitude." This is another feature found in neither reference. Similarly, claims 21 and 23 have the limitation that "a feed-forward element is included in a neutral point voltage command in a transition state of these modes." Again such is not found in the references. Because the art does not teach or suggest what is claimed here, claims 20-24 should also be allowed.

In view of the above, this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter in connection with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to the Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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